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1. ACCORDING TO A SOURCE IN THE QUEBEC MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT IN QUEBEC CITY, THE GOVERNMENT OF QUEBEC ON MARCH 5, 1974, REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY TO ALABAMAS REQUEST FOR A RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT REGULATING TRUCK OPERATIONS WITHIN THE TWO JURISDICTIONS. C.A. BOSWELL, COMMISSIONER OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, WROTE TO QUEBEC MINISTER OF TRANSPORT ON FEBRUARY 14 REQUESTING SUCH AN AGREEMENT AND QUEBECS REPLY WAS SIGNED BY G.K. LAFLAMME, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES BUREAU.

2. WE WERE TOLD THE RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT IS TEMPORARY AND WILL BE RENEGOTIATED BEFORE JULY 1, 1974 IN ACCORDANCE WITH QUEBEC'S DESIRE FOR UNIFORMITY IN THE AGREEMENTS IT NOW HAS WITH 17 STATES. THE AGREEMENT, AS ALL OTHERS ENTERED INTO BY THIS PROVINCE, APPLIES ON QUEBEC ROADS ONLY. IN ADDITION, IT COVERS PRIVATE CARRIERS ONLY AND NOT TRUCKS CLASSIFIABLE AS PUBLIC CARRIERS. ALABAMA OFFICIALS MAY WISH TO TAKE THIS UP WITH THE QUEBEC MOTOR VEHICLES BUREAU IF THERE IS NEED FOR FURTHER CLASSIFICATION. ALABAMA SHOULD OF COURSE CONSULT THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO WITH REGARD TO TRUCKS OPERATING IN THAT PROVINCE.

3. OUR SOURCE SAID THAT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES BUREAU IS CURRENTLY ON VACATION. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN HE WILL

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BE ASKED TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE MONEY PAID BY THE ALLENDALE

MILLS DRIVER ON MARCH 5 SHOULD BE REIMBURSED AND, IF SO, TO GIVE THE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS TO THE ROAD PATROL OFFICE CONCERNED.

4. WE UNDERSTAND DRIVER OF ALLENDALE TRUCK WAS GIVEN RECEIPT FOR THE DOLS 165 IN CANADIAN CURRENCY WHICH HE PAID ON MARCH 5, THE CHARGE WAS OPERATING A TRUCK ON QUEBEC ROADS WITHOUT PROPER LICENSES. THE SUM PAID INCLUDED DOLS 100 AS A BOND TO GUARANTEE DRIVERS APPEARANCE IN MONTREAL COURT ON MAY 31, DOLS 25 EACH FOR LICENSES FOR TRACTOR AND TRAILER, DOLS 7 FOR FUEL TAX AND DOLS 8 LOSS ON EXCHANGE OF U.S. FUNDS. THE FUEL TAX IS CHARGED AT 5 CENTS PER MILE OPERATED IN QUEBEC AND IS PAID BY ALL TRUCKS WHETHER OR NOT A RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT EXISTS.

5. CONGEN TRUSTS THIS WILL ENABLE DEPARTMENT TO REPLY FULLY TO CONGRESSMAN NICHOLS. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO SUGGEST THAT ALLENDALE MILLS APPLY TO MOTOR VEHICLES BUREAU IN QUEBEC FOR REIMBURSEMENT IF FUNDS NOT RETURNED WITHIN REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME.
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